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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR MILI KS KN UN

SUBJ: PRC OBJECTION TO U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWALS FROM JAPAN AND  
KOREA

1. ON THE 9TH AND 11TH OF MARCH 1977 DEFATT MET WITH COLONEL  
PIERRE WEGNER, SWISS DEFENSE ATTACHE TO JAPAN. HE IS ALSO  
ACCREDITED TO KOREA AND IS ON A QUARTERLY COLLECTION TRIP TO  
KOREA. DURING CONVERSATION WEGNER STATED THAT THE PRC DEFENSE  
ATTACHE IN TOKYO HAD SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY OPPOSED THE U.S.  
TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM JAPAN "AND KOREA." THE PRC'S REP DID  
NOT EXPAND OR PROVIDE ANY RATIONALE BUT WAS QUITE CLEAR IN HIS  
MEANING. COLONEL WEGNER STATED THAT HE THOUGHT THE PRC'S REASON  
WAS RELATED TO A POSSIBLE JAPANESE REARMAMENT AND A POSSIBLE  
HEIGHTENING OF TENSIONS BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA. DEFATT  
WAS NOT ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY OTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE PRC STATEMENT  
OR EVEN THE ACTUAL TIME AND PLACE OF THE ENCOUNTER.

2. TOKYO: THIS IS FIRST TIME WE HAVE HEARD OF PRC OFFICIAL  
EXPRESSING SPECIFIC CONCERN ABOUT TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM KOREA.  
SUGGEST EMBASSY CHECK THIS OUT FURTHER.

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